

American Revolution Newspaper

Task

The American Revolution was a difficult time in American history. Colonists fought against their own government to secure independence in order to create the United States of America. Your task will be to design a newspaper that highlights several important aspects of the American Revolution. Your stories should be based on facts from researching this time period.

Process

Review the criteria for each section below and write a story for your newspaper after researching the various topics. Your stories will be entered into the [newspaper template](#) provided.

Revolutionary War Battle Story

Choose one of the major battles of the Revolutionary War and write a summary that includes:

- answers to the 5 "W" questions (who, what, why, when, where)
- a description of the action
- key participants from the American and British side
- date and specific location of the battle
- which side won the battle

Locate a photo and write a caption that will describe the battle.

Suggested battles:

Lexington	Concord	Fort Ticonderoga	Bunker Hill
Long Island	Trenton	Princeton	Brandywine
Saratoga	Monmouth	Savannah	Yorktown

Revolutionary War Leader Story

Choose one of the leaders of the Revolutionary War and write a summary that includes:

- which side the leader supported
- a summary of their major accomplishments
- a description of how their life ended

Locate a photo and write a caption that will describe the leader.

Suggested Leaders:

George Washington	Joseph Martin	John Burgoyne	Edward Braddock
Benedict Arnold	Charles Cornwallis	King George III	Samuel Adams
Nathaniel Greene	Ethan Allen	Thomas Jefferson	John Paul Jones

Unsung Hero Story

Choose a group or an individual that played a key role during the American Revolution that may not have received the attention they deserved. Describe the key people that were involved and any accomplishments they are remembered for.

Suggested topics:

Women

Native Americans

African Americans

Revolutionary War Facts

Based on your research, choose ten facts about the war that you think others may learn from and find very interesting. Your facts should be written in complete sentences and provide specific details that carefully describe your selection.

Revolutionary War Quotations

Choose two quotations and their authors that will be remembered during the American Revolution.

Free Choice Option

Choose one topic of your choice to research. You may choose to write a summary of your topic or include a photo with a caption to describe your topic.

Suggested topics:

music

uniforms

flags

weapons

Resources

The following links are only suggested as a starting point for your research. You are not required to select your information from one of the links below. You are welcome to do an Internet search for your topic, consult the resources in our library, and/or utilize your social studies textbook.

[Yahooligans American Revolution](#)

[Timeline of the American Revolution](#)

[Deborah Sampson: Revolutionary War Soldier](#)

[Women's Military History](#)

[American Revolution Collection](#)

[Chronicle of the Revolution](#)

[Loyalist and British Songs and Poetry](#)

[Uniforms of the American Revolution](#)

[Weapons Used During the American Revolution](#)

[Virtual Marching Tour of the American Revolution](#)

[The History Place American Revolution](#)

[Little Known Facts About the American Revolutionary](#)

[War](#)

[Spy Letters of the American Revolution](#)

[The Price They Paid](#)

[Music of the Revolutionary War](#)

[Weapons of the American Revolution](#)

[American Revolution Pictures](#)

[Famous Obituaries of Revolutionary War People](#)

[Voices of the American Revolution](#)

[Quotes of Our Founding Fathers](#)



American Revolution Newspaper Evaluation

Revolutionary War Battle Story

/20 points

- answers the 5 "W" questions (who, what, why, when, where)
- includes a description of the action
- includes key participants from the American and British side
- includes date and specific location of the battle
- includes which side won the battle
- uses correct grammar and spelling

Revolutionary War Leader Story

/20 points

- includes which side the leader supported
- includes a summary of their major accomplishments
- describes how their life ended
- uses correct grammar and spelling

Revolutionary War Unsung Hero Story

/20 points

- includes a description of the

accomplishments of an individual or a group that did not have a major role during the war

- uses correct grammar and spelling

Revolutionary War Facts /20 points

- includes ten complete sentences that provide specific details about events that happened during this time period
- uses correct grammar and spelling

Revolutionary War Quotations /5 points

- includes two appropriate quotations and their authors
- uses correct grammar and spelling

Photos and Captions /5 points

- photos and captions enhance the news story
- uses correct grammar and spelling

Free Choice Option /10 points

- includes a summary of a topic or a photo with a caption describing the topic
- uses correct grammar and spelling

Total Score /100 points

[MS Word American Revolution Newspaper Evaluation Form](#)



Conclusion

Congratulations, your published newspaper has provided the colonists information about a variety of events that occurred during the American Revolution. The events you detailed provide the highlights of a very important time in American history. In addition, you have strengthened your research, writing, and technology skills.

Newspaper Title

Written by

Insert war battle
scene photo here

Insert your story here about a
Revolutionary War Battle

Insert war battle
scene caption here

Insert famous Revolutionary War quotation and author here

Insert 10 interesting facts about the
Revolutionary War here

Insert your free choice
option here

<p>Insert leader photo here</p>	<p>Insert your story here about a Revolutionary War leader</p>
<p>Insert leader photo caption here</p>	
<p><i>Insert famous Revolutionary War quotation and author here</i></p>	
<p>Insert your story here about the role women, Native Americans ,or African Americans played during the Revolutionary War</p>	

American Revolution – Random Sample of Text from Suggested Digital Resources

(Retrieved on December 1, 2011 from <http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/revwar-75.htm>)

Conflict and Revolution

1775 to 1776

April 14, 1775 - Massachusetts Governor Gage is secretly ordered by the British to enforce the Coercive Acts and suppress "open rebellion" among colonists by using all necessary force.

April 18, 1775 - General Gage orders 700 British soldiers to Concord to destroy the colonists' weapons depot.



That night, Paul Revere and William Dawes are sent from Boston to warn colonists. Revere reaches Lexington about midnight and warns Sam Adams and John Hancock who are hiding out there.



At dawn on April 19 about 70 armed Massachusetts militiamen stand face to face on Lexington Green with the British advance guard. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' begins the [American Revolution](#). A volley of British muskets followed by a charge with bayonets leaves eight Americans dead and ten wounded. The British regroup and head for the depot in Concord, destroying the colonists' weapons and supplies. At the North Bridge in Concord, a British platoon is attacked by militiamen, with 14 casualties.



British forces then begin a long retreat from Lexington back to Boston and are harassed and shot at all along the way by farmers and rebels and suffer over 250 casualties. News of the events at Lexington and Concord spreads like wildfire throughout the Colonies.

April 23, 1775 - The [Provincial Congress](#) in Massachusetts orders 13,600 American soldiers to be mobilized. Colonial volunteers from all over New England assemble and head for Boston, then establish camps around the city and begin a year long siege of British-held Boston.



May 10, 1775 - American forces led by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold capture Fort Ticonderoga in New York. The fort contains a much needed supply of military equipment including cannons which are then hauled to Boston by ox teams.



May 10, 1775 - The [Second Continental Congress](#) convenes in Philadelphia, with John Hancock elected as its president. On May 15, the Congress places the colonies in a state of defense. On June 15, the Congress unanimously votes to appoint George Washington general and commander-in-chief of the new Continental Army.



June 17, 1775 - The first major fight between British and American troops occurs at Boston in the [Battle of Bunker Hill](#). American troops are dug in along the high ground of Breed's Hill (the actual location) and are attacked by a frontal assault of over 2000 British soldiers who storm up the hill. The Americans are ordered not to fire until they can see "the whites of their eyes." As the British get within 15 paces, the Americans let loose a deadly volley of musket fire and halt the British advance. The British then regroup and attack 30 minutes later with the same result. A third attack, however, succeeds as the Americans run out of ammunition and are left only with bayonets and stones to defend themselves. The British succeed in taking the hill, but at a loss of half their force, over a thousand casualties, with the Americans losing about 400, including important colonial leader, General Joseph Warren.



July 3, 1775 - At Cambridge, Massachusetts, [George Washington](#) takes command of the Continental Army which now has about 17,000 men.

See also: [George Washington Picture Gallery](#)

July 5, 1775 - The Continental Congress adopts the [Olive Branch Petition](#) which expresses hope for a reconciliation with Britain, appealing directly to the King for help in achieving this. In August, King George III refuses even to look at the petition and instead issues a [proclamation](#) declaring the Americans to be in a state of open rebellion.

July 6, 1775 - The Continental Congress issues a [Declaration on the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms](#) detailing the colonists' reasons for fighting the British and states the Americans are "resolved to die free men rather than live as slaves."

July 26, 1775 - An American Post Office is established with Ben Franklin as Postmaster General.

November 28, 1775 - The [American Navy](#) is established by Congress. The next day, Congress appoints a secret committee to seek help from European nations.

December 23, 1775 - King George III issues a royal proclamation closing the American colonies to all commerce and trade, to take effect in March of 1776. Also in December, Congress is informed that France may offer support in the war against Britain.

January 5, 1776 - The assembly of New Hampshire adopts the first American state constitution.



January 9, 1776 - Thomas Paine's ["Common Sense"](#) is published in Philadelphia. The 50 page pamphlet is highly critical of King George III and attacks allegiance to Monarchy in principle while providing strong arguments for American independence. It becomes an instant best-seller in America. "We have it in our power to begin the world anew...American shall make a stand, not for herself alone, but for the world," Paine states.